PRESIDENT: You have been putting a series of questions and the final answer of the Chief Engineer is that there is no ferry now. Then you put a hyphothetical question—suppose there is a ferry, will Government do so and so?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Vedumangad*): Sir, I have asked whether the Government undertake the responsibility for the answer that there is no ferry now. I undertake, on the other hand, the responsibiiity of satisfying the Government that there is a ferry there now.

PRESIDENT: Well, the Chief Engineer to Government has given the definite answer that there is no ferry-

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Sir, what I meant was that there is no P. W. D. ferry at the crossing there may be a ferry maintained by others.

The Mulakulam Bridge.

34 ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the Mulakulam Bridge on the Piravam-Peruvai road has been washed away by floods;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been called for to put up a new bridge there; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the difficulties in crossing the canal during floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) About three years.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. T. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member the estimated cost of the new bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs. 10,200.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom*): May I know from the member the remedy proposed for surmounting the difficulties in crossing the canal during floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): An estimate for a bridge has been submitted to Government for sanction.

Irrigation works in the Shencotta taluk.

35 ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the irrigation works in the Shencotta taluk have been placed under the control of the Irrigation Engineer; and

(*b*) if some works have not been placed under his control, the reasons for the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) None.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

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